

BUILDING APPROVALS - FEBRUARY, 1957.

Approvals were issued during February, 1957, for 596 new dwellings estimated to cost £1,497,900. This number of approvals, the lowest February total recorded since the war, was 2 below that for the previous month, and 63 less than the number for February, 1956. Additions and alterations to dwellings, valued at £178,300, were 16 per cent. above the total for the preceding month, and only slightly below the amount recorded in February, 1956.

Approvals of new buildings other than dwellings were at a high level, being valued at £1,214,000, or 37 per cent. above the total for February, 1956, while additions and alterations to such buildings, costing £113,100, were 61 per cent. below the corresponding figure for February, 1956.

The following table gives particulars of building operations approved in Queensland during the month of February, 1957.

Building Approvals, Queensland, February, 1957.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Local Authority.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions, &c.		New.		Additions, &c.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	
<u>Metropolitan-</u> City of Brisbane ..	230	660,657	260	78,379	48	457,681	45	24,889	1,221,606
<u>South-Eastern-</u> City of Bundaberg ..	13	26,865	25	5,357	4	35,803	6	8,192	76,217
Gympie ..	3	6,307	7	1,320	2	10,865	2	1,050	19,542
Ipswich ..	19	43,660	13	3,500	-	-	1	500	47,660
Maryborough ..	7	15,300	10	2,550	4	28,550	8	3,208	49,608
Town of Redcliffe ..	20	52,045	12	5,582	6	920	-	-	58,547
South Coast ..	44	109,730	24	12,765	44	157,510	14	19,200	299,205
Shires	84	179,429	80	21,424	26	101,773	18	7,930	310,556
<u>Total</u>	190	433,336	171	52,498	86	335,421	49	40,080	861,335
<u>Toowoomba & S.West-</u> City of Toowoomba ..	12	35,680	32	5,125	4	11,325	6	630	52,760
Warwick ..	1	2,400	2	500	1	3,000	-	-	5,900
Town of Charleville ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dalby ..	3	6,186	6	565	-	-	2	140	6,891
Goondiwindi ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roma ..	1	1,600	5	1,107	3	89,630	-	-	92,337
Shires	8	21,106	10	2,216	4	2,550	2	500	26,372
<u>Total</u>	25	66,972	55	9,513	12	106,505	10	1,270	184,260
<u>Central & Mackay-</u> City of Mackay ..	4	11,415	2	1,540	12	19,945	2	13,537	46,437
Rockhampton ..	20	50,179	32	6,729	7	86,765	4	7,616	151,289
Town of Gladstone ..	4	9,994	1	150	2	5,992	-	-	16,136
Shires	35	54,421	11	3,450	10	14,845	6	4,774	77,490
<u>Total</u>	63	126,009	46	11,869	31	127,547	12	25,927	291,352
<u>Northern-</u> City of Cairns ..	15	36,465	19	4,315	5	33,000	8	4,496	78,276
Charters Trs. ..	2	4,750	-	-	1	30,000	1	400	35,150
Townsville ..	18	49,065	32	6,162	6	35,297	4	1,450	91,974
Town of Bowen ..	-	-	3	1,170	1	800	-	-	1,970
Hughenden ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday Is. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires	53	120,639	66	14,388	34	87,753	31	14,545	237,325
<u>Total</u>	88	210,919	120	26,035	47	186,850	44	20,891	444,695
<u>Total State</u> ..	596	1,497,893	652	178,294	224	1,214,004	160	113,057	3,003,248

Brisbane's approvals of 230 dwellings for February, 1957, which were 39 per cent. of the State total, were 7 more than the corresponding figure for February, 1956. In the rest of the State, 366 dwellings, 70 less than those for February, 1956, were approved. Outside Brisbane, the greatest numbers of approvals were issued in the Local Authority Areas of South Coast (44), Redcliffe (20), and Rockhampton (20).

Approvals for all work other than dwellings in February, 1957, totalled £1,327,100, or 13 per cent. above the amount for February, 1956. Brisbane's total of £482,600 accounted for 36 per cent., while high figures were recorded in Town of South Coast (£176,700), Rockhampton (£94,400), and Roma (£89,600).

The next table shows monthly totals for the whole State from February, 1956, to February, 1957.

Building Approvals. Queensland.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Month.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions and Alterations.		New.		Additions and Alterations.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
<u>1956.</u>									
February	659	1,540,861	674	179,751	145	886,013	181	291,581	2,898,206
March ..	641	1,462,134	701	189,287	177	1,201,422	178	172,797	3,025,640
April ..	948	2,748,377	709	185,681	139	761,486	167	182,295	3,877,839
May ..	743	1,787,273	819	223,266	147	1,072,843	215	265,417	3,348,799
June ..	1,058	2,872,034	711	198,385	197	1,092,249	191	338,083	4,500,751
July ..	710	1,710,074	765	217,256	177	1,114,232	193	211,543	3,253,105
August ..	720	1,737,492	831	230,294	210	1,175,103	207	214,249	3,357,138
September	728	1,694,585	756	252,458	173	1,148,063	199	224,305	3,319,411
October	874	2,092,620	802	253,970	216	1,848,407	211	254,908	4,449,905
November	938	2,332,919	786	226,888	201	1,138,600	199	210,557	3,908,964
December	979	2,909,755	617	154,686	183	811,487	118	129,759	4,005,687
<u>1957.</u>									
January	598	1,481,835	590	154,042	152	777,516	152	154,938	2,568,331
February	596	1,497,893	652	178,294	224	1,214,004	160	113,057	3,003,248

Of the total value of all approvals issued during February, 1957 (£3,003,200), work on dwellings represented 55.8 per cent. (new dwellings 49.9 per cent., and additions and alterations 5.9 per cent.), while work on buildings other than dwellings was 44.2 per cent.

The average estimated costs per dwelling approved in February, 1957, were Brisbane, £2,872; other Cities and Towns, £2,482; and all Shires, £2,087.

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